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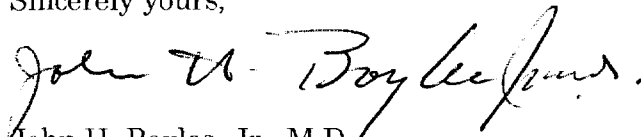
To whom it may concern:

The mission of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) should be to protect our citizens. They should determine if drugs are safe and properly made. They should not be in the business of restricting people who choose to take safe vitamin and mineral supplements, herbs, or legally-compounded pharmaceuticals.

The large pharmaceutical companies are uninterested in any type of research toward supplements, hormones, or drugs that do not have a patent. If they do not sell enough of these drugs, they will discontinue them because of their bottom line, with disregard to the patients who need them. The compounding pharmacy companies have filled this void by making little-used drugs on prescriptions by physicians for patients who cannot use the common mass-produced patented drugs pushed by the large pharmaceutical companies.

As usual, the FDA is being influenced by the people they are supposed to control, and has no rules preventing large pharmaceutical companies from shipping their drugs wherever they please, but now intend to restrict compounding pharmacies who lawfully and legitimately wish to service patients across state borders.

For this reason, I request that Docket #98N-1265 be amended in its present form, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act.
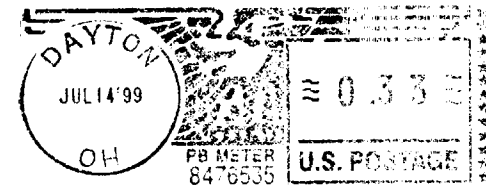
Sincerely yours,

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